IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-4.

Please amend the claims as follows:

5. (amended) A disk drive comprising:

a head/slider having an air bearing surface for floating a [head/slider] slider over a rotating disk;

the disk having a disk substrate, a storage medium on at least a portion of a surface of the disk, the storage medium having a storage area for recording data, the disk having a circumferential landing zone on an area of the disk other than said storage area, the circumferential landing zone [being] being partially textured;

the landing zone having a texture free zone which faces a minimum fly height area of the air bearing surface of the [head/slider] slider when the [head/slider] slider is landing and also having a circumferential bump zone adjacent to said free zone, the bump zone being formed with bumps protruding from the surface of said disk, the free zone having no bumps; and

a landing position control unit for moving the [head/slider] slider so that the minimum fly height area of said [head/slider] slider is positioned over the free zone of said disk storage medium when landing said [head/slider] slider.

6. (amended) The disk drive of claim 5 wherein the [head/slider] slider has at least an inner and an outer rail with the inner rail being closest to a center of the disk and wherein the minimum fly height area is on the inner rail.

7. (amended) The disk drive of claim 5 wherein the bumps have a height above the surface such that the minimum fly height area of the [head/slider] slider does not touch the surface of the disk during landing.

9. (amended) A method of operating a disk drive comprising the steps of:

rotating a disk under a [head/slider] slider having an air bearing surface and flying the [head/slider] slider over the disk;

positioning the [head/slider] slider over [a] an area on the disk which includes a textured area and an untextured area with the untextured area being under an area on the air bearing surface having a lowest flying height;

reducing a rotation rate of the disk to allow a portion of the air bearing surface not having the lowest flying height to contact the textured area of the landing zone first; and

stopping the disk.

10. (amended) The method of claim 9 wherein the [head/slider] slider has at least an inner and an outer rail with the inner rail being closest to a center of the disk and wherein the minimum fly height area is on the inner rail.

11. (amended) The method of claim 9 wherein the textured area has a plurality of bumps protruding above a surface of the disk, the bumps having a height above the surface such that the minimum fly height area of the [head/slider] slider does not touch the surface of the disk during landing.